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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SMITH

You will remember that we discussed at a recent OCB Meeting a letter which I had from Congressman Kersten, relative to a proposal that his Sub-Committee, which is looking into the Communist take-over of captive nations, interest itself in the present Communist operations in Guatemala.

This morning I have had a very good talk with Congressman Kersten, who was, as always, most understanding and cooperative.

We discussed the Caracas Conference, the position taken by the Secretary, and the general situation in Central America, and related matters. He accepted my suggestion that his Sub-Committee defer any announcement relative to Guatemala until the Members of the Sub-Committee return from a proposed trip through Europe. At the present time, their expectation is to return from this trip in July. I suggested that when Congressman Kersten had returned, he might get in touch with me again, and we would take a fresh reading with you, Allen Dulles, and the OCB, on this situation.

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